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REMINDER:

There will be no *Crossings* publication on November 26th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break. Next *Crossings* will be published on Monday, December 3.

Blood Drive

December 5

Meeting Minutes

Click below:

http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html

Take a Trip to New York City!

What better way to spend your spring break than in exciting New York City!

The Business Administration and Retail Merchandising Programs are offering a "Business in New York City Tour" over spring break, March 19-March 22, 2008.

You will see:

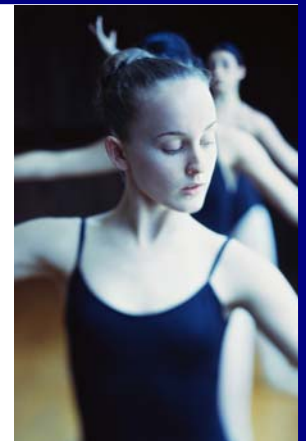
- * Rockefeller Center (Financial District)
- * Museum of American Finances
- * Behind-the-scenes tour at Macy's
- * Statue of Liberty
- * A Broadway Play and much more.

See attached flier for additional information and costs. Participants must contact Tammy Lee at tammy.lee@roch.edu, (507) 285-7239, Office: Student Services SS-312 to confirm registration.

AFA/Dance Program Advisory/Planning Committee

A group of interested faculty and staff will be conducting a feasibility study to gauge interest in a new program: Associate in Fine Arts (AFA)/Dance. Please contact Barb Mollberg at 285-7111 or barb.mollberg@roch.edu to become a member of the AFA/Dance Program Advisory/Planning Committee.

The first "Town Hall" AFA/Dance Program Advisory/Planning Committee Meeting will be scheduled in mid-January. Let us know if you'd like to be involved! All are welcome.



Club Meeting

Martial Arts Club meets 6-8pm in SC108 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your expressions of care and concern with the passing of my father. The beautiful flowers, your prayers and your kind words were a blessing to us.

~ Jonathan Wetenkamp and Mary Jane Wetenkamp

3rd ANNUAL SSSP BASKET CHALLENGE SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds benefit the SSSP Iris Fried Scholarship

December 5, 2007

CF206/208

A few facts about last year's basket challenge:

- \$1,593 was raised from 41 baskets donated by
 - 11 departments
 - 9 individuals
 - 2 clubs

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 Winning basket:
 \$80 for "Night Out"
 donated by the
 Counseling/Advising
 Center staff



Breakfast in Bed, donated by the RCTC Business Office, 2006

A variety of baskets in all price/size ranges is needed for this event.

R.S.V.P. to Deb at 285-7230 with your intent to participate in this fundraiser.

(Last day to submit baskets is Monday, December 3, 4 p.m., SS159)

We look forward to your creations!

Retail Merchandising students will set up a display in the Human Resources window on November 16. If you would like to have your basket considered for the display, please bring it to SS159 by November 15.

Rochester Community and Technical College
Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF) Faculty Shared Governance Council
Minutes for Tuesday, October 23, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. – AT109

Present: Administration Hansmann, Supalla
Faculty Gust, Israelson, Marconett, Martinez, Wright (Chair)
Recorder: Kingsbury

ITEM 1 (A) AQIP Feedback Report – Supalla announced the full report is available for viewing on the continuous improvement website at www.rctc.edu/ci and modifications to RCTC’s AQIP Vital Few will be made during the upcoming AQIP Strategy Forum in November. ACTION: Information Only.

ITEM 2 (A) Strategic Planning – Supalla announced the Strategic Planning process will be changed to a two-year cycle to align with the MnSCU biennial budget planning. Don Norris, from Strategic Initiatives (a nationally recognized organization for strategic planning and highly recommended by MnSCU) has been hired to facilitate RCTC’s strategic planning sessions. In addition, Supalla noted the RCTC Strategic Planning process may be replicated at other institutions within MnSCU. It is anticipated the strategic plan will be updated by mid-December. ACTION: Information Only.

ITEM 3 (A) Search Updates – Supalla announced an appointment will be made for the math position (assuming no one currently on lay-off claims the position), and the failed searches in art/graphics and photography will be reconvened. Hansmann added that plans are underway to have the search approvals posted on the IPP website for everyone to have access to the information. Marconett indicated she didn’t believe an announcement was sent out requesting faculty submit their staffing request needs for FY09. ACTION: Supalla will request the academic leadership either put out a call for staff requests or re-send the original message if already done.

ITEM 4 (A) Financial Audit Report – Hansmann announced RCTC received another unqualified clean audit, with only one recommendation (put on the list at RCTC’s request) pertaining to security access. Specifically the issue surrounds the ability for one person to create a transaction and also reconcile the bank statements. It is being recommended that the person balancing the accounts isn’t also paying the bills. Gust questioned what the current tuition rates were for non-residents, noting she believed the website was either unclear or inaccurate. Hansmann confirmed there is no such thing as out-state tuition; however reciprocities are still honored. ACTION: Hansmann will confirm the tuition rate information is accurate on the website.

ITEM 5 (A) IPP Update – Hansmann requested departments/divisions complete their mid-year IPP updates for FY08. Supalla added it would be beneficial to know if capital equipment approvals made last spring for FY08 proposals were going to be spent, or if money is available to reconsider other proposals during the mid-year IPP review. ACTION: Wright will remind faculty to complete their mid-year IPP updates.

ITEM 6 (A) Caucus Night(s) for 2008 – Supalla announced the Office of the Chancellor Staff are requesting the MnSCU Board of Trustees consider using their waiving authority for events being held on caucus night due to the fact the Minnesota Statute does not align with when the major political parties are actually holding caucuses. Depending on the action outcome of the Board of Trustees, Supalla suggested holding classes and events on the evening of March 4th, but honoring the caucus night activities by not holding classes/events on February 5th. Wright indicated the faculty support the recommendation. ACTION: Pending expected action of the MnSCU Board of Trustees, classes will be held the evening of March 4, 2008, but no classes or events will be held the evening of February 5, 2008.

ITEM 6 (A) Mass Vaccination Simulation – Hansmann announced Olmsted County Public Health will be holding a mass vaccination simulation in the Sports Center on November 8, 2007. The Law Enforcement Club is going to participate in the simulation by monitoring and patrolling the parking and crowds. ACTION: Hansmann will send a campus-wide e-mail out with the details of the mass vaccination simulation.

ITEM 1 (F) Minimum Qualifications-Credentials – Israelson stated faculty understand minimum qualifications/credentials will be enforced for part-time faculty beginning in June of 2008. The Human Resources Office is reviewing the policies and will meet with Israelson, coordinators, deans and the Vice President of Teaching and Learning for clarification. A question has been raised on how formalized the policy will be for exceptions. Supalla responded that a MnSCU committee has determined some logical exceptions, but he is unaware of how much decision-making authority will be handed down locally to the campuses. ACTION: Supalla will share questions with MnSCU at the next Leadership Council meeting.

ITEM 2 (F) Office Moves in Memorial Hall/Plaza – Israelson questioned what the timelines were for the next set of faculty office moves in Memorial and Plaza Halls. Hansmann responded the offices need to be painted and re-carpeted before moves can be made. ACTION: Hansmann will visit with Maintenance and follow-up with Wright on the timelines.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 27, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. – AT109